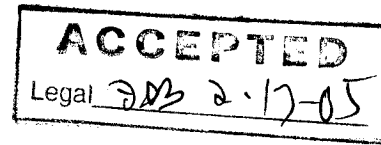


February 16, 2005

Public Service Commission  
Attention: Docketing Department  
P. O. Drawer 11649  
Columbia, SC 29211



Docket # 2004-357-Ws

To Whom It May Concern:

How can Carolina Water ask for an increase when they cannot supply water to there customers without purchasing water from the City of West Columbia? The City of West Columbia increased their rate to Carolina Water and Carolina Water increased that charge to us.

It is pretty sad when our water bills during the summer is more than our electric bill. The water bill we just paid in February was 104.27, my Electric bill was 150.00. We were charged as follows:

37.77 water distribution charge  
36.77 city water supply charge  
.87 Dhec Fee  
28.86 sewer.

If anything the Public Service Commission should do, is tell Carolina Water to quit charging for water they have to purchase from City of West Columbia because they have problems with their wells.

Why should they be given an increase? Please think about the customers of Carolina Water this time and do not grant this increase.

Thank You,

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